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DEBORAH SAMPSON GANNETT'S HOME.




Diary  
of  
Deborah Sampson Gannett  
in 1802

Deborah Gannett

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## Preface.

In the closing years of the American War of Independence, a young Massachusetts woman, Deborah Sampson, enlisted as a private in the army and creditably behaved herself as a soldier. Her services were specially acknowledged and rewarded by the state and national governments in acts, or resolves, passed appropriating money to herself and family.

Soon after leaving the army, Deborah Sampson married Benjamin Gannet of Sharon, Massachusetts. Her house still stands, in fine preservation, with some alterations since the original erec-

tion. Its location is on the north-westerly side of East street in Sharon, a little north of Billings street. In this house Mrs. Gannett lived and reared a family, and here she died in 1827. Successive generations of her descendants have continued to live in the same house.

A grandson, Benjamin Gannett was born in this house, and recently died there at the age of nearly 76 years. Although quite small in his grandmother's day, he retained the impression of having assisted her by carrying upstairs a stick of wood or more to mend her fire, and being called "a good boy" for his pains.

An older grandchild, Rhoda Gannett Monk, now living in Stoughton, well remembers Deborah Gannett. Her brother Benjamin has told me that the school children would sometimes tease Mary Gannett by calling her "soldier".



Daniel Johnson, born in Sharon in 1820, now living in a healthful old age on East street, used as a boy to pass the Gannett house on his way to and from school. He not infrequently entered the house to see his school-mates living there. Thus he became acquainted with the warrior woman, and remembers her as a person of plain features.

The inaccurate statement was made last year in "The Ladies Home Journal" that no one then living remembered Deborah Sampson. But Sharon is too wealthy a town for all the people living there in 1827 to have died off.

In 1802 Mrs. Gannett decided to enter upon a journey in which she delivered at prominent towns a "narrative" or "oration" concern-

ing her service in the continental army, accompanied with an exhibition of her proficiency in the manual exercise while dressed for the purpose in a soldier's uniform. She kept a diary of her travels and public performances, with account of friends and some items of expense. This diary I have copied herein from the original book in the possession of a descendant. He received it from his mother who was born and bred in the Yarnett mansion.

The first entry in the diary under date of May 3, 1802 is written quite a number of pages from the beginning of the book. This circumstance might lead one to suppose that the writer had the thought of subsequently filling up the first pages with an account of the series of performances at the Federal Street Theatre in Boston which occurred six weeks earlier. This





TABLE=CHAIR USED BY DEBORAH  
GANNETT, AND STILL IN THE KITCHEN OF THE HOMESTEAD.





supposed intention was not carried out.

The pages in different parts of the book left unfilled in the diary, were utilized for the record of charges for farm work done by the men and oxen. Here and there are noted the settlement of accounts between the farmers of the time. One entry reads thus, —

"June 1802 June. Joseph  
"Gannett Dr. to a hand and  
"3 cattle Drawing Logs from rattle  
"Snake hill to Leonard & Kingsley's  
"Forg."

Our heroine's freedom from conventionalism in daring to act and to speak in public possibly displeased her more quiet sisters of the day who sat at home or tended the loom. But at this distance of time we have no word of censure for her who successfully

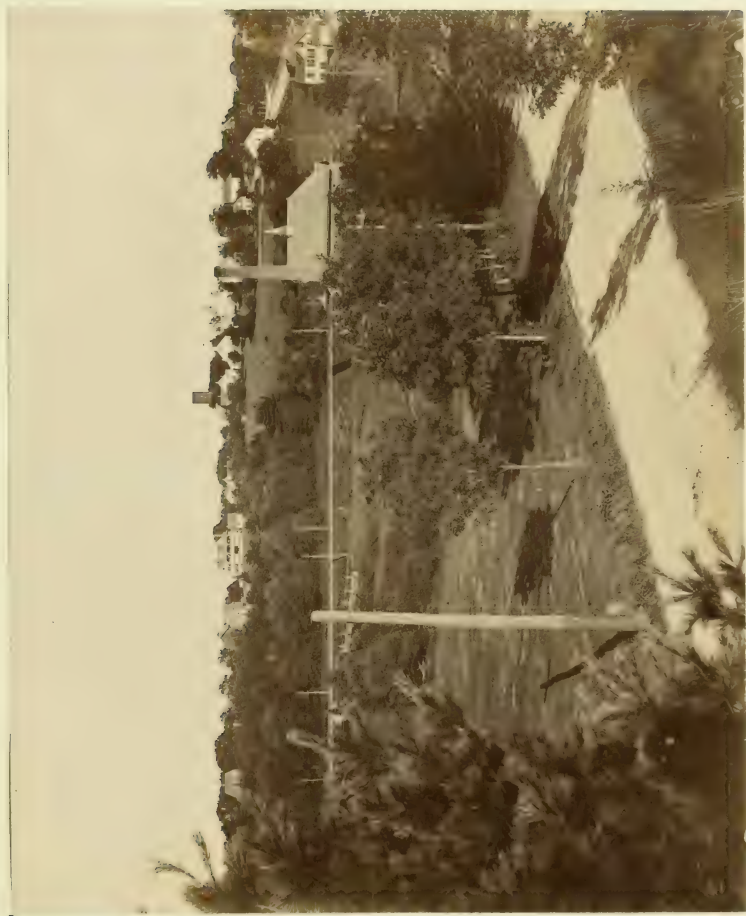
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fought for liberty, and afterwards  
stood upon the platform, or stage,  
"and showed how fields were won."

Eugene Tappan.

Sharon, Massachusetts.

July 11, 1901.



VIEW OF SHARON VILLAGE, FROM THE WEST.











1802} I took Stage  
May 3d} in Dedham. Rode to  
Providence in company  
with Mr. William Billings  
and Lady. this polite  
gentleman and Lady showed  
Every mark of genuine friend-  
ship. they invited me to  
take tea with them at our  
arivel. I informed these  
generous people of my wishes  
in making a publick appearance  
Either in Mr. Amidos Hall  
or in the Theatre, Mr. B.  
informed me that he wished  
to do every thing that lay in

his power to assist me, and appeared to be much pleased in Reading the bill of my performance in the Theatre at Boston. I conveyed my letters of Recommendation to Mr. Wheeler, and this gentleman, Mr. Wheeler, came Immediately and he advised me to perform in Mr. Amidon's Hall; and finally I gave him my bill of the performance in Boston, he printed my bill and they were set up in the most publick places in the town, and Wednesday Evening was to be the first of my performance. but I was quite unfortunate in Deed, for I was taken quite unwell, and of course was obliged to postpone my exhibition untill thursday evening.

May 5. When I entered the Hall, I must say I was much pleased at the appearance of the audience. it appeared from almost every countenance that they were full of unbelief - I mean in regard to my being the person that served in the Revolutionary Army.

Some of them which I happened to overhear swore that I was a lad of not more than Eighteen years of age. I sat some time in my chair before I rose to deliver my Address. When I did, I think I may with much candor applaud the people for their serious attention and peculiar Respect, especially



the Ladies.

Saturday } I took Stage and  
May 8th. } Rode from Providence to  
Boston. Sunday I was very  
Sick of a Disentary. at 5  
o'clock I took five of Dr.  
Andossens pill which appeared  
to have no effect in Reguard  
to afford me the least Relief.

10. On Monday morning  
I took a large Dose of castor  
oil which had a tendency  
to Release me.

13 I continued at  
Mr. Wil — untill thursday,  
then I took Stage, came  
home to Sharon. tardid untill  
26 then Rode to Dedham  
in my own carriage.

27 went to boston  
with Mrs. Mann. returned  
the Same Evening.

28 Returned home in



CHESTNUT TREE IN SHARON, NEAR MASSAPOAG BROOK





much anxiety of mind, which is natural to Sore Disappointments.

I tarried with my family the most of the month of June, much agitated in mind - anxious to persevere in my journey - tho' a heart filled with pain when I Realized parting with my three Dear Children and other friends. I may say four Dear children - my Dear Little Susann Shepperd, which I took at five days old at her mother's Death.

July 3<sup>d</sup> Left my family. My Son carried me to Capt. James Tisdales, Medfield, on Saturday.

I tarried untill the Next Wednesday. then hired Horse and chaise, went on to Sudbury. tarried untill Thursday

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Morning. took Stage, went on to Worcester, tarried at Mr. Jacob Miller's untill Saturday Morning.

10. hired Horse and Chaise, went on to Holden to Capt. George Webb's. tarried there untill 29<sup>th</sup>. Exhibed 30. in Holden before a Very Respectable Circle.

Aug. 3<sup>d</sup> I left Capt. Webb's, went on to Worcester. took

4. Stage, went as far as Capt.

5. Drape's, Brookfield.

went on for Springfield, but concluded not to go because of indisposition. I hired horse and chaise, went on to Mr. William Howe in Brookfield. tarried untill the 9<sup>th</sup>, the Exhibited before an

hanson ordience of Gentlemen  
and Ladies.

Left Brookfield 10,  
went on in the Mail as far as  
Springfield to Mr. E. Williams  
formerly of Roxbury, a fine  
family indeed.

Red  
11 Dot. 13th Delivered an  
Oration in the Court House  
before a Very Respectable  
ordience. Had the pleasure  
of conversation after the close  
of the Scene with Col. Orr of  
Bridgewater - not any acquaint-  
tence of my own - but a former  
acquaintance of My family.  
he gave me a very polite  
invitation to Visit his family  
the Next Day, which I did  
in company with Mrs. Williams.  
we had a Very agreeable inter-  
view indeed.

Aug. 16. Went from Springfield

to North Hamtton in Mr. Williams  
chaise. My helth but poor

See contents  
of this leaf  
on pages 43  
& 44.

[ Here a leaf is missing  
from the diary. ]

the soil is a Light Sand  
Nearly over Shoe, Some ttimes  
Like that in North Carolino  
on the pine barron. Nothing  
Served Either to animate a  
Drooping mind or Even to  
afford the consolation. the  
Stage stopt once Long Enough  
for the pasengers to alight.

we went into a  
log house which is called a  
tavern. I could understand  
but Very Little of their Conver-  
sation. all was gloominess.

Wednes. } O Dear, could I  
8th } but once more see my  
3 Dear Children! Why  
do I say 3? have I forgotten





LAKE MASSAPOAG, NORTH END.



my Dear little Susanna Shepperd!  
Thurs. 9.

Delivered an oration  
at Ballstown at the Springs.  
there is a Very Great curiosity  
at this Spring. the water when  
first Dript in a tumbler is  
full of white Sparkles and  
continues so for the Space of  
one minute. then it appears  
the Spirit Leaves it.

it is thought best  
to Drink of it when these  
Sparkles are full in aninition.  
the taste is Very Disagreeable  
at first Drinking for a few  
times. those who have drank  
of it a Considerable time appear  
to like it; but it tastes to me  
Very much like psalts Dissolved  
in common water.

there is a great Number  
of people here at these Springs  
from almost all Quarters. they

give great credit to the waters. I am led to think that the Ride and taking a rural air is equally as advantageous as the water it self.

this Ballstown is eight miles from Saratoga, twenty five from Shenactody. it lies nearly N W from Albany - it is said upwards of 40 M from Albany - we cross the Mohawk River 20 miles above the forks which is N from Albany.

after crossing the mohawk we go through a dismal looking country - here and there a small log hut, very small cattle and hogs. I saw but 7 Sheep in my journey from Albany to Ballstown, and them were very small.

after we got into Ballstown the Land appeared





A BOULDER ("DEVIL'S ROCK") IN SHARON, NEAR MASSAPOAG ROCK.



Very good and many farms under good cultivation. the Buildings are principally good, the town Very large but somewhat Broken. June, July and August are thought the Most advantageous months to Visit those Springs.

Friday, 9.

Saturday?

10

I arrived at Albany to Capt. Keelers Very much fatigued indeed. I have a gloomy ride this Day through barren Sands over pine and Scrub plains. one of these plains is 16 Miles in length - Nothing in the least inviting to the weary traveller.

Sund. 11.

I this Day am taken Very Sick with the tooth ache and ague in my face.

12

No better. in Extreme pain. no rest Day nor night

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Friday, 17.

I am in some  
measure Relieved.

October 13.

I am this Day at  
the City Hudson, tho' Quite  
unwell. I have Done no  
business for this Long time.

13th

I am Quite unwell.

I have Done no business to  
14 advantage for this Long time -

15 only Spend money. O, how  
gloomy are my feelings! no

16 prospect of any thing but trouble

17 before me - a great Distance

18 from my Native home among  
entire Strangers.

19

I am Very unwell  
yet, but am better.

20

Came at Catskill.

Very Glad to see

24

Set out my journey  
for Shenango in Mr. Baldwin's  
30 wagon. I arrived at Sisquema.



November } Cross the River at  
1 } Wateels ferry.

11 I arrived at Judge  
patersons at Lisle. this Respec-  
table family treated me with  
Every mark of Distinction and  
friendship, and Likewise all  
the people Did the Same. I  
Really want for Words to Express  
my Gratitude. they often met  
together in the Neighbourhood  
and had the most Social  
meetings. they Seemed to unite  
in hearty Congratulations with  
my old friend Judge paterson  
on our happy meeting.

thus I spent my time  
as agreeably as one can imagin  
Considering my Circumstances. but  
oh, how often is mind harrowed  
up by recollection! to think my  
Self so far from my Dear Children,  
no opportunity of hearing from them

and God only knows when I  
shall be so happy as to see them.

Decm<sup>r</sup>} I set out on my jour-

11.ney from Lisle in company  
with Judge Paterson Esq. and

16 Mr. Stantly Back to the Sis-  
Judge Paterson } quehannoh. arrived the 14<sup>th</sup>  
left me, } p. m. put up at Bushes at  
Wattles ferry.

27 here I am yet and  
see no prospect of getting away  
owing to the badness of the weather.

Satur. } I am still at the  
Jan. 1 } Sisquehannoh. No opportunity  
2 presents for my going on to  
New York.

3d. I am very unwell  
indeed.

4. No better.

5. threatened with  
the fever - a violent pain  
in my head and left side.

6th. Sent for Dr. Huntington. my  
fever is seated on me.



DEBORAH SAMPSON STREET IN SHARON.  
SOUTH END OF STREET AT JUNCTION WITH AMES STREET.





The places and families  
where I have tarried on or at  
when absent from my family  
of last March.

Mr. Robert Williams, Boston,  
Liberty Square.

Mrs. Jones, widow, at Providence.

Capt. John Seamons, at Newport  
ferry, Wharf Lane.

Mr. Herman Mann's, at Dedham.

Capt. James Tisdale's, at Medfield.

At Sudbury one night. I forget  
the Lord Lord's name.

At Worster, Mr. Jacob Miller's.

At Holden, Capt. George Webb's.

At Brookfield, Mr. William Howes.

and at Capt. Draper's, at Springfield.

Mr. Elezeur Williams, son to Dr.

Williams, formerly of Roxbury,

at Northampton, Mr. Pomroy's.

Mr. Alfred Pomroy, at Chesterfield.  
 at Pittsfield, Mr. Allen's.  
 at Albany, Capt. Neclers in Green  
 Street.

at Schenectady, Mr. James Rogers.  
 at Ballstown, Mr. MacMasters.

Capt. Ashley, at City Troy.  
 Mr. Booth, at City Hudson.  
 Mr. Streets, in Catskill. Left  
 on Friday.

Mr. Bosticks, Easton.

at Mr. Bremhalls, Keopchee.

at North Hampton, at Mr. Pomroys,  
 at Chesterfield, Mr. Whittemores.  
 then on to Albany.

At the pool at Bethlehem  
 a great curiosity indeed. I saw  
 3 coaches, 5 Chaise, 1 hack and  
 two horse wagons all full with  
 people going as it were into  
 the pool of Siloam to be cleansed



NORTH END OF DEBORAH SAMSON STREET IN SHARON.  
AT JUNCTION WITH BILLINGS STREET.





I observed among the rest the Impotent man which we read of in Scripture, one of the greatest cripples I ever saw, however he was put into the pool, and that was the last I saw of him.

My Expense in Albany.		D.	C.
to old key keeper	2	0	
to Mr. Barber for printing	3	0	
to Mr. Lester for filling			
blank and finding candles.	1	34	
to Mr. Giles for attendance	2	67	
to Sweeping the Court house	0	48	
for cleaning the candle sticks	0	20	
for brushing the Seats	0	17	
for the Dressing my hair, 2 <sup>times</sup> .	1	0	
to Boarding	6	0	
to washing	1	34	
to one umbrella	6	0	
to one cloak and trimming	6	39	
to one handkerchieff	1	0	

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to 1 Seat in the Mail fr  
Albany to Schanactady 1 0  
then crost the Mohog River,  
went on to Balls Town Springs 1 33  
from there to Saratoga Spring 0 68  
from there Back to Bolton.  
from there Back to Schanactady.  
from there Back to Albany.  
from Albany to the City of Troy.  
from there Back to Albany.  
from there to the city Hudson

Albany, February 23, 1803.  
this Day I am at Mr. Granes.  
24th. I have bought 1 pair of  
silk Gloves, 1 Silk Shawl, 1 pair  
Moroco Shoes, 1 Neck handkerchief  
Lace, 3 yards yard wide. C Hum  
hum. 3 Scaues of Thread. 5 Scaues  
Sewing Silk.



COBB'S TAVERN , EAST STREET IN SHARON





27

	d	c
Cost of my Bonnet	2	17
Morocco Shoes	1	36
1 Shade	1	17
1/2 yard Sattin Ribond	0	20
1 Scane black Sewing Silk	0	8
1 Ivory comb	0	34
Expense at Sudbury Tavern	1	0
1 Diner at Moroco		40
1 Night Lodging		17
printing bills 3 hundred	1	34
1 hundred tickets		

22 March bill of Expenses one Hundred \$.

another Ninety two.

another Ninety two.

and the 4 Evening two Hundred and fifty in the Theatre, Boston, Fedril Street. the Last Evening was my benefit Night.

Boarding 4 Dolls pr. week.

3 weeks in all in Boston 12 Dollers.

Staying at Boston and home	\$	c
four 4 times	4	50
from Boston to providence, in Mail	2	0
passage to New port	0	84
passage back to providence	0	84
passage to Boston from providence	1	50
passage to Taunton	2	34
to Boston back from Taunton	2	34
passage to Dedham from Boston	0	50
to Sudbury in private carriage	2	50
on to Susebury	1	68
then to Worster longer	0	50
private carriage to Holden	1	
from Holden to Worster	0	68
from Worster to Brookfield	1	67
from Brookfield to Springfield	1	50
from Springfield to North Hampton	4	50
Rode in a private carriage,		
from N. hamton to Chesterfield	1	50
from Chesterfield to Pitts field	1	0
then to Albany	2	50

Sunday, June this  
 Day arrived at Newport 4 o'clock  
 p.m. Very Sea-Sick. taried but  
 4 Days, then went to Providence  
 by water. then took Stage, went  
 on to Boston, and then in Bedford  
 Stage home to Sharon.

Aug. 21. Wrote a Letter home  
 to Sharon Subscribed to Mr. John  
 Savels accompanied with 100-10  
 Dollars, which I hope my family  
 will make a good use of.

[ The following is written on the  
 inside of cover of the diary. ]

the Names of my three Dear Children,  
 Earl Bradford Gunnett, Mary Gunnett,  
 patia Gunnett, of Sharon, County  
 of Norfolk, Massachusetts.

See note on  
 page 39.



SHARON VILLAGE





GRAVE OF DEBORAH SAMSON GANNETT, ROCKRIDGE CEMETERY IN SHARON.





## Notes.

Mrs. Gannett's performances in Boston, referred to in her Diary, took place in the Federal Street Theatre, and consisted of the delivery of her narrative as a Continental soldier, and the going through the manual exercise by her while she was equipped in complete uniform. The following theatrical announcements are found in the Boston bi-weekly newspaper, "Columbian Centinel [and] Massachusetts Federalist," in the issues of March 20, 24 and 27, 1802.

(Saturday, March 20, 1802)

Federal Street Theatre.

The public are respectfully informed that Mrs. Gannett, the American Heroine, who served three years as a private soldier in the Continental Army during the war, will at the request of a number of respectable persons, make her appearance on the stage this evening, for the purpose of relating her narrative &c.

(Wednesday, March 24, 1802)

Federal Street Theatre.

The public are respectively informed that Mrs. Gannett (late Deborah Sampson), the American Heroine, who served three years as a private soldier in the continental army during the war, will, at the request of a number of respectable persons, make her second

appearance on the stage, this evening,  
for the purpose of relating her Narrative &c.

This Evening March 2[4]  
will be presented (by particular  
desire) for the second time these  
two years, the much-admired  
Historical Play in 5 acts called

King Henry the IV<sup>th</sup>.  
with the humors of Sir John Falstaff.  
To which will be added by way  
of farce, an Olio, Comedy of Song,  
Sentiment &c. called

The Soldier's Festival  
on the eve of Battle.  
1<sup>st</sup>. In the course of which  
Mrs. Gannett will deliver her  
Narrative - 2<sup>d</sup> Glee, "How merrily  
we live that Soldiers be." 3<sup>d</sup> Song,  
"How stands the glass around?"  
4<sup>th</sup> Glee, "Here's a health to all  
true lasses." 5<sup>th</sup> Glee, "How shall  
we mortals spend our hours?"

Mrs. Gannett, equipped in

complete uniform, will go through the manual exercis. The whole to conclude with the song and chorus of "God save the sixteen States."

( Saturday, March 27, 1802 )

Federal Street Theatre,

For the Benefit of Mrs. Gannett. Being positively her last appearance on the Stage, and the last night of Columbus for the season.

On Monday next March 29 will be presented for the last time this season the grand Historical Drama of Columbus; Or, America Discovered.

End of the Play, Mrs. Gannett will relate her Narrative. After which a Pantomimical Entertainment in 1 act called Harlequin's Frolic.

Mrs. Gannett, equipt in complete uniform, will go through the manual



exercise. The whole to conclude with the Song and chorus of "God save the sixteen States."

For particulars, see Bills.

Mr. Campbell informs his friends that his Benefit is fixed for Wednesday.

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Mr. William Billings and Lady. In the Providence R.I. record of marriages is the marriage of William Billings and Anne Burr November 28, 1799.

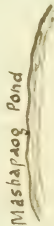
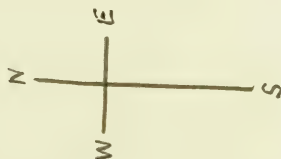
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Tavern in Sudbury.  
Mrs. Gannett says, "I forget the Land Lord's name." If she stopped at the oldest and most celebrated house, then it was at the old Howe Tavern.

built about 200 years ago,  
 and kept for more than a  
 century and a half as an inn  
 by four generations of the Howe  
 family. Adam Howe was the  
 landlord at the time of Mrs.  
 Gannett's journey. He kept the  
 tavern for forty years beginning  
 in 1796. Longfellow immortalized  
 the house in his "Tales of a Wayside  
 Inn", wherein landlord Howe  
 leads off with his tale of "Paul  
 Revere's Ride". The inn for years  
 was called "Red Horse Tavern",  
 from having a sign of a red  
 horse.

"And, half effaced by rain and shine,  
 The Red Horse prances on the sign."

"From a plat of the town of Sharon as surveyed in the years 1794-5."





Herman Mann of Dedham. Mr. Mann is mentioned in the list of places and families where Mrs. Gannett tarried, and she speaks on one occasion of having gone with Mrs. Mann to Boston. Herman Mann is said to have written the narrative of Deborah Gannett, entitled "The Female Review", and published at Dedham in 1797. This book was reprinted in 1866 in the "Life of Deborah Gannett, the female soldier in the war of the Revolution", with notes &c. by John Adams Vinton. It was a limited edition, published by Wiggins & Leunt, Boston.

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Capt. George Webb of Holden. In Deborah Gannett's petition in 1792 to the Governor and Legislature, she says that she enlisted May 20,



1782 in the 4<sup>th</sup> regiment in Capt. George Webb's company. She was mustered in at Worcester. From her diary it seems that when at Worcester in July 1802, she hired a horse and chaise and went to Capt. George Webb's in Holden, ~~the~~ adjoining town on the north, and spent several weeks at his house. During this visit she exhibited "before a very respectable circle" The captain and private were no doubt glad to see each other, and his indorsement would dispel any unbelief in her unique story.

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"My old friend Judge Patterson." Query: what connection with Gen. Patterson, at one time during the revolution at West Point, and acquainted with Deborah Sampson as a soldier?

See page 41.

Deborah Gannett's children. Their father, Benjamin Gannett, in his will dated in 1828 and proved in 1837, gives legacies "to my daughter Polly Gilbert wife of Jackson Gilbert," and "to my daughter Patience Gay wife of Seth Gay," and the residue of the estate "to my son Earl B. Gannett". Polly is the Mary and Patience is the Patia named in the diary.

Earl B. Gannett's will is dated in 1838 and was proved in 1845. His family as named in the will consisted of his wife Mary, four sons, Earl, Benjamin, Thomas and Warren, and three daughters, Mary Monk wife of Barzillai Monk, Patience Drake wife of Asabel S. Drake, and Rhoda Gannett.

Benjamin Gannett, grandson of Deborah Gannett, died in the old homestead January 2, 1901.

Rhoda Gannett, granddaughter

of Deborah Gannett, married Elijah W. Monk. Both are living in Stoughton.

Patience Gay, daughter of Deborah Gannett, had a son George Washington Gay who died in Sharon in 1889 leaving a widow Eunice Lyon Gay. She resides on Depot street in the village. Mr. Gay's will, after giving his widow a life estate in his property with power to use the whole or any part of the principal, provides that any residue remaining at her death shall go to the town of Sharon, one half for the common schools, and the other half for a monument to the Sharon soldiers in the civil war. This provision then follows:— "I further request to have the name Deborah Sampson Gannett with proper reference to her service in the war of the revolution inscribed on the same memorial stone"

## Susanna Shepperd.

Mrs. Gannett mentions "my dear little Susann (Susanna) Shepperd which I took at five days old at her mother's death". The Stoughton records show that Susanna Baker Shepperd, daughter of Oliver Shepperd & Susanna his wife was born Sept. 25, 1796; also that Susannah, wife of Oliver Shepperd died Oct. 1, 1796 aged 39 years. There are five whole days between these two dates. Persons living in Sharon remember Susanna Shepperd. She used to work in Mann's mill.

John Paterson was  
born in Farmington, Conn.  
in 1744, and died in Lisle,  
now Whitney's Point, in New York  
July 19, 1808. He was made

brigadier-general in 1777 and was attached to the northern department. He served at the defeat of Gen. Burgoyne, and was not mustered out of service till after the end of the revolutionary war. He removed from Lenox, Mass. to Lisle, and was the first presiding judge of Broome County. He was a member of Congress, 1803 to 1805. These facts are taken from Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography, revised edition.

The diary shows a very cordial reception of Deborah Gannett at the Judge's house based on a former acquaintance. It seems probable that this acquaintance was begun when both were in the army.

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to go in on page 16.]

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august. I have taken up

Boardings and lodgings

tuesday 17. in Mr. Parroys family 2 6  
untill Saturday next 8 67

Augt. 18. Delivered an oration at  
Northampton 2

19. Recd 17-0

20. Went on to Chesterfield expence

21. Went on to pitsfield 1-87

22. Went on to Alberney  
pasag through 4 34

23. expence Whittemores 0 70

24<sup>th</sup> took Boarding and Lodgings

at Mrs. Keekers in Green Street

a very good family and but

3 Boarders. I have a parlor

chamber to my Self without

Albany. the least interruption except  
the city Noise.

31. Delivered an oration in the  
Court House.

Sept. 1. Delivered an address.

Sept. 6. 3 o'clock Left Albany. took  
Stage. went on for the city of

Schenectady. arrived the same Evening.

tuesday 7. Delivered an oration in the Mesonac Hall occupied by Mr. James Rogers where I have taken boarding and Lodgings for a short time. the family are a fine people indeed. they formerly belonged to Connecticut. this City is Situated on the West Branch of the Mohock River. it is a gloomy way indeed from Albany to this place.

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Advertisement in the Massachusetts Spy. of Worcester, July 21, 1802.

Mrs. Gannett's Exhibition.

The Ladies and Gentlemen of Worcester are respectfully informed that Mrs. Gannett, the celebrated American Heroine, who served nearly three years with great reputation in our Revolutionary Army, will, at the request of a number of respectable citizens deliver an address to the inhabitants of this town in the Court House, to morrow, at 5 o'clock

R. M. Ticket may be had of James  
Thomson, price 25 cents - children  
half price.

Deborah Sampson Gannett  
dinner in Sharon town hall, April  
3, 1902. The dinner was in commemoration  
of Mrs. Gannett's lecturing tour. 98 persons  
sat down to dinner in the main town  
hall in the evening. The hall was hung  
with flags. On the walls were displayed  
the names, Anne Hutchinson, Hannah  
Dustin, Deborah Sampson, Mary Lyon.  
After dinner speeches were made by  
Rev. Henry S. Livermore of Melrose, H. H.  
Sargent of Worcester, Mrs. Myra B.  
Hatch of Whitman, Edmund H. Talbot  
and Rev. Henry J. Dyer of Sharon. Frank E.  
Parks read an address written by Rev.  
A. A. Hale, D.D., of Brighton, Mrs. Susan G.  
Mead, a great granddaughter of Mrs.  
Gannett, read extracts from the diary of  
1802 and from the address then delivered,  
Eugene Tappan was toastmaster. Some of  
the toasts were, - Deborah Sampson, the  
heroine of Sharon; the first heroine of the

past, may we ever keep their memories green; Woman God! Past and best act of creation. Frequent reference was made to the words, "I was there", taken from the description of the White Plains engagement in Mrs. Gannett's printed address. The banquet was a full course dinner served by W. R. Howe of Hyde Park. The committee of arrangements were Eugene Tappan, Frank C. Burbank, Timothy F. Quinn, Mrs. Edward H. Warren and Louis M. Monk.

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Mrs. Gannett's Address. This address was printed in 1802 in a pamphlet of 30 pages. A copy is in the Dedham Historical Society's library. The title page is as follows: —

An  
Address,  
delivered with applause,  
At the Federal-Street Theatre, Boston,  
four successive nights of the different  
pieces, beginning March 20, 1802;  
and after, at other principal towns, a  
number of nights successively,  
at each place.

By M. Deborah Gurnet,  
 The American Heroine,  
 who served three years in the reputation  
 (undiscovered as a female) in the late  
 American Army.

Published at the request of the publishers.

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London:

Printed and sold by H. Mann for Mrs. Gurnet.  
 at the Minerva Office, 1802.

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